

accepted and reflected in the EXIM Policy/Procedures (1997-2002).

Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited

6654. SHRI AYYANNA PATRUDU : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited has developed a pollution control technology for steel plants;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) whether any public or private sector steel plant has shown interest in the technology; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) to (d) Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. (BHEL) has developed an Electrostatic Precipitator (ESP) for controlling air pollution in Steel Plants. These ESPs can be used in Sinter, Dedusting, Sponge Iron Plants and also in Gas Cleaning Equipments.

BHEL is supplying these ESPs for use in Rourkela Steel Plant and Bhilai Steel Plant in the Public Sector and M/s. Prakash Industries in the Private Sector.

Solar Cookers

6655. SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALAY : Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of solar cooker manufacturers in the country, State-wise with installed capacity and actual production and sale of solar cookers during the past three years, year-wise alongwith the estimates of energy saved;

(b) whether the Government have formulated a special scheme for R&D, promotion and marketing of solar cookers, particularly in rural and tribal areas;

(c) if so, the details thereof and results achieved thereunder during the tribal areas;

(d) the fresh initiatives taken for promotion and marketing of solar cookers for energy conservation under the Common Minimum Programme during 1996-97 and achievements reported, State-wise; and

(e) the action plan formulated for the promotion of solar cookers during the current year and target set ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) There are 39 solar

cooker manufacturers in the country whose products have been tested by the Solar Energy Centre or the Regional Test Centres of the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources. The State-wise list of these manufacturers is given in the attached Statement-I. These manufacturers are estimated to have an aggregate production capacity of around 75,000 solar cookers per year. The Year-wise production and sale during the last 3 years with estimates of energy saved are as follows :

Year	Sale (No.)	Energy saved corresponding to this sale (million kg. of fuel wood equivalent)
1994-95	30221	18.13
1995-96	39174	23.50
1996-97	25697*	21.40*

*Subject to finalisation.

(b), (c) and (d) Government is extending financial assistance to State agencies and manufacturers for promotional activities in the respective States including rural and tribal areas. The activities include demonstrations, publicity, assistance in obtaining BIS certification, opening service centres. etc. Among the new initiatives taken during 1996-97 are interest free loan schemes for users through banks and the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA). In addition, soft loans are also available through IREDA to manufacturers for purchase of machinery. The State-wise achievements made during 1996-97 are given in the attached statement-II

(e) During 1997-98 it is proposed to achieve a sale of 35,000 No. of solar cooker in the country. Financial assistance is also proposed to be continued to States and manufacturers for promotional activities. In addition, soft loan schemes through IREDA and banks will be expanded. New showrooms and service centres will be established.

Statement-I

Statewise number of solar cooker manufacturers whose products have been tested by the Regional Test Centres or the Solar Energy Centre of MNES

State	No.
1	2
1. Andhra Pradesh	2
2. Bihar	1

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3. Delhi	1
4. Haryana	1
5. Himachal Pradesh	2
6. Madhya Pradesh	13
7. Maharashtra	5
8. Uttar Pradesh	4
9. Gujarat	5
10. West Bengal	4
11. Rajasthan	1
Total	39

Statement-II

Statewise sale of solar cookers during 1996-97

State	Sale*
1. Andhra Pradesh	1321
2. Gujarat	865
3. Haryana	1800
4. Himachal Pradesh	1035
5. Madhya Pradesh	13022
6. Maharashtra	950
7. Uttar Pradesh	2500
8. Rajasthan	1295
9. Punjab	1795
10. Goa	15
11. West Bengal	700
12. Orissa	116
13. Tamilnadu	4
14. Tripura	6
15. Arunachal Pradesh	269
16. Rest of the States	NIL
Total	25693

* Figures are subject to finalization.

Export of Aspirin by KSSC/MMTC

6656. SHRI P.C. CHACKO : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Kerala State Salicylates and Chemicals Limited having joint venture with Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India Ltd. (MMTC) intends to export the 'Aspirin';

(b) if so, whether the Kerala State Salicylates and Chemicals has sent samples of Aspirin to MMTC for approval;

(c) if so, whether the State Government of Kerala has also urged MMTC to take steps in locating a suitable foreign market for their products and also arrange for import of raw materials; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) to (d) MMTC does not have any joint venture with M/s. Kerala State Salicylates and Chemicals Ltd. (KSSC). However, on the request of M/s. KSSC, MMTC has been exploring possibilities for export of Aspirin through its foreign offices. For this, samples were obtained from M/s. KSSC which were forwarded to their foreign offices of MMTC. M/s. KSSC has not approached MMTC for arranging import of raw materials for their products.

Performance of Export Promotion Councils

6657. SHRI ANNASAHIB M.K. PATIL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of various Export Promotion Councils presently operating in the country for export promotion and its functions thereof, separately;

(b) whether performance of Export Promotion Councils has been reviewed recently for the last three years;

(c) if so, the details of the performance in terms of set norms of assessment, Council-wise;

(d) whether the Government are proposed to take any fresh initiative for restructuring the functioning of various Export Promotion Councils and strengthening their network in the country to sub-serve the interests of exporters in various State during 1997-98;

(e) whether any proposals have been received from